

## COMMUNITY FACILITIES

### I. INTRODUCTION

An important function of town government is to provide residents and property owners with a level of service commensurate with taxes and fees paid that meet the current needs of the populace. This Section of the Master Plan identifies public and semi-public facilities that serve the residents and property owners of Greenfield. In Greenfield's case, these include public safety (police, fire, and ambulance), public works (water, sewer, roads, solid waste disposal, and cemetery maintenance), schools, recreation, cultural facilities, health and welfare services, and the town government operations (selectmen, property maintenance, and assessment).

The degree to which these facilities are developed has a significant impact on the quality of life and general character of a community. This chapter of the Master Plan presents an inventory of such facilities and services, an assessment of the adequacy of the current level of service, and plans or recommendations to expand, improve, or add to an existing facility or service.

### II. TOWN HALL, TOWN GOVERNMENT

The administrative services for Greenfield are located in the former elementary school on Sawmill Road in the village. This is a two-story wood frame building constructed in 1885 and listed on the State Historic register. The entire building was renovated in 2001 for use as the Town Office. Recent work has completed renovations begun in 2001, but the question of window replacement remains unresolved.



The lower level of the building houses the Police Department, including office space and a recently created interview room that was badly needed. Storage space has been built to house town records, however, it lacks climate control and fire security. An additional room houses computer networking hardware, electrical services and the phone system that supports the offices of various departments throughout the building. An additional room houses the newly installed boiler.

The first floor has a large meeting room and offices for the Town Administrator, Office Manager, Town Clerk, Tax Collector, Code Enforcement Officer, and Welfare Director. Various elected/appointed Boards meet from time to time as needed or required by statute. These include the Zoning Board of Adjustment, the Trustee of Trust Funds, the Cemetery Trustees, and the Supervisor of Checklists. Other volunteer committees also use the meeting room to promote civic and holiday related observances.

The second floor provides meeting and filing/storage space for the Conservation Commission, Planning Board and Zoning Board of Adjustment. In addition, the old gymnasium/recreation room is open and currently unused.

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The old Town Office building, located on Francestown Road, is currently leased by Crotched Mountain Education and Rehabilitation Center as office space. Following extensive renovation, the facility will be returned to public use when the conditions of a renovation grant are fulfilled.

The position of Town Administrator was created in 2011. The administrator serves as an agent of the Board of Selectmen and interacts daily with various department leaders, Boards and members of the public.

### **III. EMERGENCY SERVICES**

#### **A. POLICE PROTECTION**

Police protection in Greenfield is provided by a full-time Chief, one full-time Sergeant, one full time Patrolman and three part-time officers. Coverage is provided 24 hours a day by shifts in the Department's two cruisers.

The department is located in the lower level of the Town Hall. With the completion of the interview room, barring unforeseen rapid population growth, the facility needs for the Police Department are met for the foreseeable future. When the old Town Office building becomes available, one potential use could be for Police/Public Safety.

#### **B. FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICES**

Fire and Rescue protection is provided by a Volunteer Fire Department with 30 plus members exclusive of department officers, some of which are exclusively trained rescue personnel. All Fire Department members are required to become certified to enter any fire involved structures or provide hands-on emergency medical services to the public.

The Department is located at 816 Forest Road just West of the Village. The Fire House was constructed in 1974, consisting of two bays, two deep, a full kitchen, two small offices and a small meeting room. Funds were appropriated at Town Meeting in 2001 to construct an addition to the Fire House which added another bay, one and ½ deep, a large meeting room that is open to the kitchen and pantry, an Emergency Medical Service (EMS) supply room, two - ¾ bathrooms and an Emergency Communication Room, all of which are handicap accessible. The facility also is equipped with a generator capable of providing full power.

Equipment owned and maintained by the Department consists of two engines, one tanker, one rescue truck, a utility equipment truck, a rescue boat, a military trailer for forestry equipment and a skid-mount forestry pump and on board water supply. Additionally, there is a state-owned forestry truck that is on loan to the Department. The Town is fortunate to have a very extensive amount of water resources within its boundaries.

Greenfield is a member of the "Southwestern NH District Fire Mutual Aid" dispatch center, based in Keene, NH, which dispatches for nearly 100 member towns for emergency calls of fire, EMS and ambulance transport services which are contracted from an outside neighboring agency. The Department is also a member of the Souhegan Valley Mutual Aid Association, since neighboring towns to the east of Greenfield are members of this organization and are listed as mutual aid departments for multiple alarm emergencies that might occur in Greenfield. The Department is also an active member of the Monadnock Area Fire Chiefs Association which consists of all our neighboring towns and beyond who communicate regularly about current technology, training and mutual aid needs. Additionally, the Members of the Department also operate as a non-profit organization known as "The Greenfield Firefighter Association" and is registered with the state of NH and the IRS.

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The town has contracted the services of Emergency Communications Network (ECN) for their Code Red emergency notification service. ECN enables any emergency service within Greenfield to notify all residents who subscribe to this service of Emergency Notifications. The Town has also agreed to have access to the NH reverse 911 services which are being developed as of 2014 for local administering.

Greenfield's Forest Fire Warden is planning to adopt and implement an electronic outdoor burn permit process that is presently being tested and expected to be operational in 2015.

The landmark covered bridge on the Contoocook River bordering Hancock has been outfitted by the State of NH with a sprinkler system which is only operable by fire apparatus from the Greenfield line.

#### **IV. DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS**

The Department of Public Works (DPW) is located on DPW Drive, off of Sawmill Road, in a building constructed in 1974. The 40' x 80' building contains four equipment bays, an office, and a parts room. Also on the property are a salt shed and a sander hanger. The Department employs a full Superintendent and 3 full time employees.

Equipment owned and maintained by the Department consists of the following:

The DPW's current vehicle roster is such;

- 1998 Trackless Tractor
- 2003 John Deere 672 Grader
- 2005 International 6 Wheel dump truck
- 2007 Ford F-550 Dump truck
- 2007 Caterpillar Loader
- 2009 Caterpillar 430 backhoe
- 2012 Ford F-250 Pick-up truck
- 2014 Mack 10 Wheel dump truck

Since the last Master Plan Update the Highway Department has been tasked with transitioning themselves to become the Department of Public Works. With this change the DPW is now responsible for Maintenance of all town facilities as well as its roads. To perform this task requires them to co-ordinate services, acquire bids for services and materials, and maintain and oversee the construction of roads. The DPW is also working on the reconstruction of roads in co-ordination of the roads commission, and elevating some of gravel roads.

Tasks the DPW has performed of late include creating a police locker room out of the tax collectors former storage area and moving the records to more secure area, creating a storage space with shelves and refurbishing an area of the Police Department to become an interview room.

The Town may need to consider expansion of the DPW building/facilities in the foreseeable future.

#### **V. SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL**

The town of Greenfield operates a Recycling/Transfer Center at 29 DPW Drive, which is off Sawmill Road. The facility uses the same driveway as the Department of Public Works (DPW) and is located on about 2 1/2 acres of land sitting beyond the DPW. Structures on site consist of a building with an enclosed 60' x 40' area and an attached open bay area of 10' x 40'. There are also several sheds: a storage shed 10' x 10', the Mini Mall shed 11' x 11', the Library shed 11' x 11" and an open three-

sided 11' x 11' shed. The equipment used on site are a town-owned compactor for the trash, as well as a S185 Bobcat that was delivered to the Center in the Spring of 2012. There are two old balers in use with limited capabilities that need attention. One full-time, one part-time and one on-call employee staff the center.

Materials recycled include #1 and #2 plastics, tin/steel cans, aluminum cans, corrugated cardboard, mixed paper, glass, light metals, non-ferrous metals, white goods, textiles, used oils which include automotive and cooking/dressing oils, used antifreeze, household and wet cell batteries, all electronic items, tires, empty propane tanks, and compact fluorescent bulbs and tubes. The Center also collects cell phones, ink cartridges, eyeglasses, old flags, and Box Tops for Education and distributes them to the appropriate entities. We also have a Mini Mall and Library for items for re-use. A brush pile/yard waste area is also provided for the residents.

The town contracts with Monadnock Disposal Services (MDS) to haul the trash and demolition materials at the rate of \$90.00 per ton, including the hauling fee. In 2013, the Center had a total of 194 tons of materials recycled, 238 tons for the trash, and 69 tons for the demolition material (most of which is separated and recycled by MDS).

There are fees associated with certain items that cost the town to properly recycle. These fees, as well as the revenues from the sale of materials, go into the general fund to help offset the Recycling Center's bottom line.

The Recycling/Transfer Center is a main part of the Town's services. Therefore, the Center should have future and continuous consideration in the Master Plan for maintaining, updating, and expanding the capabilities, as well as providing a profitable, clean, respectable, facility for residents to visit.

## **VI. MUNICIPAL WATER/SEWER**

Greenfield has no municipal water system. It should be noted that the Town Office building, Old Town Office building, Stephenson Library and the Meeting House are all served by one well. The recent installation of a generator at the Town Office building assures water at those sites in the event of emergencies.

Responding to recommendations from a PlanNH charrette in 1997, the Town voted to build a municipal septic facility on the site of the East Coast Steel building. The facility is currently operating at about 40% capacity with seventeen hook-ups in operation. The Waste Water site is the subject of ongoing discussion about how to make the best use of that open space.

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## **VII. LIBRARY**

The Stephenson Memorial Library is located in the center of the Village in a stone building constructed in 1909 for this purpose, and has been used continuously as a library ever since. The library is governed by an elected three member Board of Trustees and supported by a Friends of the Library volunteer committee. The library is a member of the New England Library Association and the New Hampshire Library Association. In

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2012-13, our Children's Librarian served as the President of the Children's Librarians of New Hampshire (CHILIS), a Division of The New Hampshire Librarians Association.

In 2003, ground was broken for a major addition, the Ann Geisel Wing. This addition more than doubled the Library's useable space, permitting installation of handicapped bathrooms, computers, an expanded Children's Room, staff workspace, and more shelving and stack space. A separate basement room, the Wensburg Room, was also constructed with support donated by the Greenfield Woman's Club, providing meeting space for many community activities. The first full year of operation was 2004.

Staff consists of two part-time employees, a Library Director and a Children's Librarian, who work 29 hours per week each:

Responding to public interest, the Library went from a three day to a four day per week schedule in 2012, open Wednesday through Saturday year round. As Library use has expanded, the Trustees are currently exploring the need for more parking and have been working with the Emergency Management team to potentially participate in some fashion in emergency management preparedness.

The Library is rapidly transitioning to a 21<sup>st</sup> Century institution capable of serving a wider and ever-changing range of community needs. The staff works continuously to provide access to digital materials and technology. Four computer terminals as well as free Wi-Fi serve community residents who currently lack internet access. On-line reminders, a Facebook page, and other forms of out-reach are used to extend the Library's connection to the community. To this end, securing broadband connectivity for the community is an extremely important goal. The Library currently has about 12,000 volumes with a 2013 circulation of 16,868. The Library works closely with both the Parent-Teachers Organization and the Greenfield Elementary School Staff on grants, story times, topical books, special events and exhibits. The library participates in the Community Summer Library Program and hosts a Summer Reading Program.

## **VIII. RECREATION**

Greenfield is fortunate to have many resources providing recreational opportunities to the residents. They include:

- 1) General Events: Below is a list of the types of events that are available to youth and adults at various sites around town. These events are coordinated by the Town Recreation/Town Administrator and/or Oak Park Committee.
  - Supervised swimming at Sunset Lake
  - Cal Ripkin T-Ball and Little League Baseball at Oak Park
  - Monadnock Mountaineers Football at Oak Park
  - Miss Laura's School of Dance (tap and ballet) at the Meeting House
  - Line Dancing with Linda Gray at the Meeting House
  - Music on the Common, Tuesday evenings in the summer at the Meeting House
  - Boy and Girl Scouts at Oak Park, the Meeting House or the Stephenson Library
  - Tennis at Oak Park
  - Ice Skating at Sunset Lake
- 2) Oak Park Committee: Oak Park is a town-owned 20 acre park on Forest Road, west of the Village. General maintenance of the Park is provided by the Town, and the Committee, comprised of volunteers, raise money to provide various recreational structures at the Park, as listed below:

□ Soccer /

Football

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- Field
- ☐ Running Track
- ☐ Baseball Field
- ☐ Dugouts
- ☐ Tennis Courts

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- ☐ Pavilion w/kitchen facility
- ☐ Gazebo
- ☐ Playground
- ☐ Horseshoe Pits

3) Greenfield Community Garden: Behind the Town Office building

4) In addition to the above, the Crotched Mountain Rehabilitation Center makes certain facilities available to residents of Greenfield, such as use of the swimming pool, including discounts on lessons, use of the gymnasium, the volleyball court, as well as the Media Center, Library, movies and handicap accessible hiking trails.

Table 1 lists the recreation facilities and opportunities in Greenfield. Some highlights of these facilities are as follows:

- Four bodies of water, totaling 133 acres.
- Trails:
  - 1) The Wapack Trail runs 22 miles from Mt. Watatic in Ashburnham, Massachusetts and passes through the Southwest Region in New Ipswich, Temple and Greenfield, ending at North Pack Monadnock. Developed in the 1920s and served as the model for the Appalachian Trail. Rated “Moderate” to “Difficult.”
  - 2) Hiking/Nature Trail on Crotched Mountain – 3 ½ miles, rated “Easy”, leads to a beaver pond.
- Open Space:
  - 1) Municipally-protected - 143 acres.
  - 2) Society for the Protection of New Hampshire Forests – 12.5 acres
- State Bicycle Routes: Route 31 from the Village south; Forest Road from the Village west.



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**TABLE 1:  
RECREATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES IN GREENFIELD**

FACILITY/LOCATIO	PRIMARY USE	ACTIVITIES	OWNERSHIP	ACREAGE
Playground & Gymnasium/ School	School activities	Variety of school related activities	Conval School	1
½ Gymnasium/Town Office		Underutilized facility	Town	
Town Beach – Zephyr Lake	Water Sports	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Beach Swimming</li> <li>• Boating</li> <li>• Fishing</li> </ul>	Town	1
Town Beach – Sunset Lake	Water Sports	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Picnicking</li> <li>• Beach Swimming</li> <li>• Boating</li> <li>• Fishing</li> </ul>	Town	1
Hog Back Pond	Natural Pond	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fishing</li> <li>• Hiking</li> </ul>	State of NH	
Oak Park	Active Recreation	Public / Private use including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ball fields</li> <li>• Track</li> <li>• Playground</li> <li>• Courts</li> <li>• Pavilion events</li> </ul>	Town	20
Greenfield State Park (Otter Lake)	Campground	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Beach Swimming</li> <li>• Camping</li> <li>• Fishing</li> <li>• Snowmobiling</li> <li>• Cross-Country Skiing</li> <li>• Boating</li> </ul>	State of New Hampshire	351
Brantwood Camp	Resident/Youth Camp	Traditional camp activities	Private Nonprofit	300
Crotched Mountain Education & Rehabilitation Center	Natural Area and recreational facilities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Hiking</li> <li>• Handicapped Accessible trails</li> <li>• Active Recreation</li> </ul>	Private Nonprofit	
Wapack Trail, Teds Trail and Carolyn's Trail	Trail	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Hiking</li> <li>• Nature Trail</li> </ul>	Public access	
Emma Gipson Lot	Natural Area	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Hiking</li> <li>• Nature Trail</li> <li>• Cross Country Skiing</li> <li>• Horseback riding</li> </ul>	Public access	12.5
Barbara Harris Camp and Conference Center	Camp Conference Center	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Private waterfront</li> <li>• Athletic facilities</li> </ul>	Private Nonprofit	326
Greenfield Trails Association	Trails	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Hiking</li> <li>• Biking trails</li> </ul>	Private Membership	

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The responses from Greenfield residents in the Master Plan Survey (2012) indicate that recreation is important to the community by providing opportunities for community interaction, promoting healthy lifestyles, economic opportunities for businesses, and overall enhancing the quality of life for residents. It is a recommendation of this Master Plan that Greenfield consider the restoration of the Recreation Department to maintain or improve existing recreation options and create additional opportunities to meet the demand.

## IX. EDUCATION

Greenfield is a member of the nine-town Contoocook Valley School District (ConVal). The District owns and operates an elementary school in eight of its nine towns, and provides both a middle and a high school in Peterborough and a middle school in Antrim.

The elementary school in Greenfield was constructed in 1999 on Forest Road, just west of the Village. The building is a one-story wood frame structure, with eight classrooms, a Title 1 room, library, guidance room, staff kitchen, principal's office, secretary's office, and cafeteria. The cafeteria is not equipped, however, for cooking; the food is brought in each day by van.

The school teaches Kindergarten through Grade 4; from Grade 5 on, the students attend South Meadow School in Peterborough. The Kindergarten program is a full day program. Personnel at the school consist of a Principal (exclusively serves Greenfield as Principal and works district wide as a math consultant as schedule allows) five teachers, one First Friends Preschool teacher (tuition required), three aides, an Administrative Assistant, and custodian. There is also a music teacher, an art teacher, a physical education teacher, and a guidance counselor who are not permanently located at the school, but travel to all the schools in the district on a regular schedule; in addition, a nurse visits the school on an eight-day rotating basis.

As of June 1, 2014 the Greenfield Elementary School had 85 pupils enrolled, including Kindergarten; this represents 9% of the total ConVal student population. Information on school enrollments and costs per pupil for ConVal and its neighboring school districts is presented below:

**TABLE 2:  
SCHOOL DISTRICT ENROLLMENTS, OCTOBER 1, 2013**

<b>GRADE LEVEL:</b>	<b>SCHOOL DISTRICTS</b>			
	CONVAL	JAFFREY- RINDGE	WILTON- LYNDEB.	MONAD- NOCK
Pre-Kindergarten	48	37	14	60
Kindergarten	147	148	38	138
Elementary	633	430	223	729
Middle School	676	435	121	261
High School	861	681	204	564
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2,365</b>	<b>1,515</b>	<b>600</b>	<b>1,752</b>

SOURCE: NH Department of Education

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Within its immediate region, ConVal is the largest school district, with more than 2,000 students. On the western side of the region, Monadnock Regional is the second largest with more than 1,700 students. In the ConVal District, the largest group of students is in the high school, followed by the middle school. There is a definite downward trend in student population. ConVal has seen a reduction of approximately 25% in student population since 1999-2000. This has resulted in a district wide conversation about consolidation and potential school closings though voters have indicated, as recently as 2013, that they did not wish to consolidate middle schools. This is a major issue for the School Board and voters of the nine-Town district as student populations decline while school budgets continue to rise.

**TABLE 3:  
COST PER PUPIL, 2012 – 2013**

SCHOOL DISTRICTS					
Grade Level	ConVal	Jaffrey-Rindge	Wilton-Lyndeb.	Monadnock Regional	State
Elementary	\$16,884	\$12,649	\$16,936	\$16,127	\$13,628
Middle Sch	\$16,309	\$12,833	\$15,359	\$16,516	\$12,992
High School	\$16,142	\$13,046	\$14,365	\$16,985	\$13,490
Total	\$16,433	\$12,814	\$15,680	\$16,445	\$13,459
Total Expen.	\$41,709,072	\$21,779,644	\$11,341,332	\$33,851,466	\$2,623,625,648

*SOURCES: NH Dep. of Education-Estimated Expenditures by School District 2012-2013;  
Total Expenses from District Reports 2012-2013*

Per pupil costs for education within this selected sub-region range from the high \$12, 992 to nearly \$16,445. ConVal's costs are higher than all other districts except for Monadnock's, and higher than the state average. Money to fund education in New Hampshire comes primarily from local property taxes.

In addition to the Greenfield Elementary School and the middle and high school in Peterborough, residents of Greenfield have access to many childcare/learning opportunities in the area including:

- Private schools in Dublin, Jaffrey, Peterborough, and Wilton
- Post-secondary education offered by two colleges in Keene (Antioch New England and Keene State College) and one in Rindge (Franklin Pierce University).
- The Applied Technology Center (ATC) at ConVal High School offers additional opportunities through its affiliations with New Hampshire Technical Institute, Nashua Community College, Great Bay Community College and Conant High School in Jaffrey. In addition, a Career Internship program at ConVal High School offers students opportunity for job experience and career exploration locally.
- Students in grades 9-12 have access to the Virtual Learning Academy, a state-wide on-line charter school available free of charge to New Hampshire residents. Students and residents in general may also take on-line courses for college credit from a number of institutions.

## **X. MEETING HOUSE**

The Greenfield Meeting House is located in the heart of the village, sited on a knoll surrounded by the Town Common. First constructed in 1795, it has been altered, repaired, turned on its foundation once, and redecorated many times since, including the rebuilding of the steeple in 1985 and 2014, and the installation of a fire alarm system. The clock was repaired in 2014. In 1983, the Meeting House was placed on the National

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Historic Register of Historic Places. A plaque has also been placed on the Town Common by the State of New Hampshire to recognize that it was the oldest original Meeting House in New Hampshire still used for both civic and religious functions. Work done recently on the Meeting House includes the repair of the steeple, identification of structural issues, the addition of a commercial dehumidifier downstairs, cleaning of the ducts and spraying for mold.



## XI. CEMETERIES

Greenfield has one active cemetery and four inactive cemeteries. The cost of maintaining these cemeteries is shared by the Town and income derived from the sale of lots and Trust Funds. Details of these cemeteries are listed below:

### OLD COACH LANE/FLETCHER

The oldest cemetery is situated on the east side of Coach Road and north of Old Lyndeborough Mountain Road. The land was given to the Town about 1755 by Simeon Fletcher, who was buried here with many of his descendants and others of the neighborhood. When Greenvale Cemetery opened some interred were moved from Fletcher to Greenvale. Three stones remain: John Fletcher who died in 1772 and Mr. and Mrs. John Savage who died in 1821 and 1825 respectively.

### WHITTEMORE

On the farm originally owned by the Major Amos Whittemore, near the end of New Boston Road, is a family burying-lot, although names on the headstones show that others have been permitted to be buried there, among whom were Rev. Charles Whiting and wife. Major Amos Whittemore, one of the first three settlers of Greenfield is buried there as is a Revolutionary War veteran. The earliest dated stone is that of Abraham Burnham who died March 14, 1780.

The cemetery is approximately 50' x 50', with fewer than 30 burial sites.

### OLD CEMETERY

The cemetery behind the meetinghouse was laid out *circa* 1794 by the following committee: John Reynolds, Amos Whittemore, Elijah Broadstreet and Joshua Holt, the land being owned by the town. The clearing of the graveyard was let to the lowest bidder - William Darrah, for \$8.83. He was to clear bushes, logs and trees and sow with grass seed and fence it on the east and west with a log fence and on the north with a "gamb" fence. The Old Cemetery is less than 2 acres with 450 grave sites. A town receiving tomb is accessible from the road. The inscription on the earliest marked stone is for "Mrs. Eunice Pollard, wife of Benjamin Pollard, Jr. May 2, 1794 in the 26th year of her age."

### GREENVALE

The Town voted on Sept. 28, 1878 "that eight acres be enclosed within a suitable fence, and laid out in lots in a good, substantial manner, at an expense of not exceeding three hundred dollars, and that hereafter it be called Greenvale Cemetery." It currently is 15 acres, with 800 burial sites, situated about one mile east of the village on Forest Road (NH 31). It is the only Adopted by Planning Board (The State) wall was repaired shortly after 2003.

The earliest date of interment is 1886 in this small family burial lot on Slip Road, across from the Post Office. It contains eight graves of members of the Knight and Shea families. This was never a Town cemetery, but a burial plot for relatives that died of a plague.

#### **BUTTERFIELD GRAVES**

In the northwest part of town, in a remote pasture, once owned by Harry Dorr, are the graves of two Butterfield children apparently the victims of a contagious disease.

### **XII. POSTAL SERVICE**

The Post Office is located on Slip Road, in a brick frame building that was constructed for this use in 1967. Employees consist of one full-time Postmaster, one full-time rural carrier and one part-time rural carrier. There are a total of 336 boxes available, with 150 currently rented; the rural route delivers to 513 households.

The current location of the Post Office is not the most desirable for Greenfield residents. Prior to 1967 the Post Office was located in the Village, which made it not only convenient for most people to use, but the Post Office also served as an informal gathering place – not unusual in small towns. Post Offices in village areas play an important role as an anchor in the Village, along with stores, libraries, municipal functions, and residential uses.

### **XIII. HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES**

The Town of Greenfield supports a number of regional human service organizations in addition to providing a certain amount of direct assistance to families in town. In the year 2013 support was given to 22 families. Expenditures were for such things as: rental assistance, electricity and fuel to help individuals maintain adequate housing, utilities, heat, and hot water; all of which have tended to increase in cost from year to year. The majority of recipients are families with children. Several residents were assisted with maintaining safe and secure housing due to the risk of becoming homeless. The shelter system was contacted whenever the need arose and referrals for support were made. However, due to lack of available space, the shelter system could not be used this year. Whenever a homeowner received assistance, welfare liens were filed with the Hillsborough County Registry of Deeds on the properties, as guidelines permit, to ensure that if the property is sold the Town will receive reimbursement for the amount of assistance provided by the Town Welfare Department.

The regional associations to which the Town contributes are: ConVal Transportation Company, Home Health Care and Community Services, Monadnock Family Services, Project Lift, and St. Joseph Community Services. Additional organizations and individuals have generously continued to give to our residents in need. These include: the GIVers, Greenfield Congregational Covenant Church, Divine Mercy Parish, Peterborough Rotary Club, Crotched Mounted Rehabilitation and Education Center, the Salvation Army, and other generous patrons.

The Town is also home to Greenfield Commons, a 24-unit Elderly Housing complex owned and managed by Southern NH Services, which gives priority to residents of Greenfield.

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## XIV. EXPENDITURES

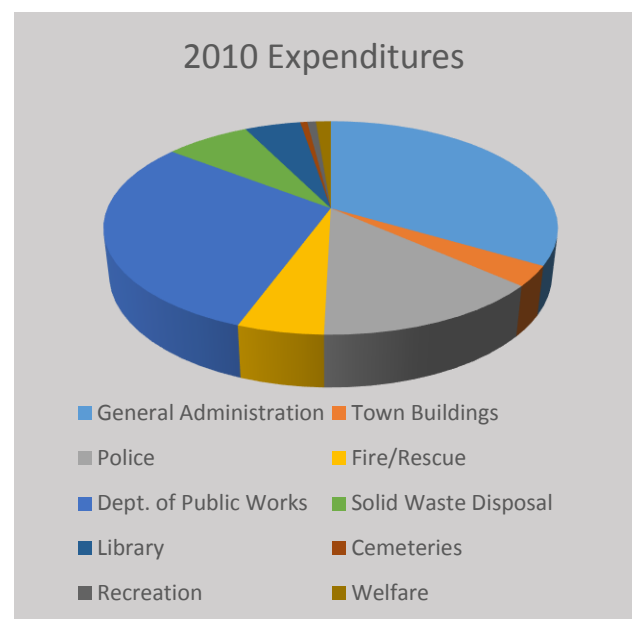
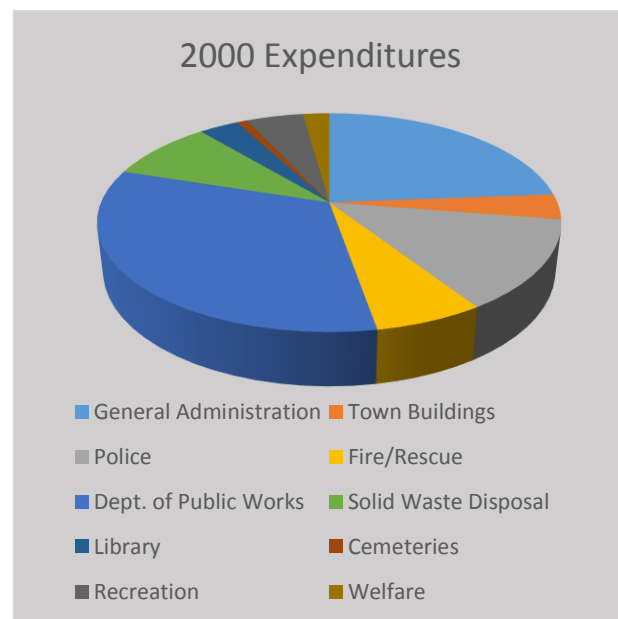
The amount of money spent by Greenfield taxpayers for these various community facilities and services is outlined below in Table 5. Note that this table does not include the cost of education, as this amount is so much larger than any other line item that it skews the other data. As is typical for most New

Hampshire towns, the largest part of the town budget is devoted to the Highway Department. Even though this represents the greatest single department expenditure, this has not increased as much over the 10-year period as some other items have – for example, General Administration and the Library, both of whose expenditures increased by over 150%. Expenditures for all community facilities and services have increased by 79% between 2000 and 2010.

Town Government	2000	2010	% Change
General Administration	\$200,817	\$506,559	152.2
Town Buildings	\$31,600	\$46,311	46.6
Police	\$112,384	\$210,197	87
Fire/Rescue	\$54,491	\$78,535	44.1
Dept. of Public Works	\$276,448	\$452,138	63.6
Solid Waste Disposal	\$75,497	\$109,023	44.4
Library	\$27,903	\$72,118	158.5
Cemeteries	\$7,415	\$8,893	19.9
Recreation	\$40,094	\$11,162	-72.2
Welfare	\$18,516	\$19,202	3.7
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$845,165</b>	<b>\$1,514,138</b>	<b>79.2</b>

SOURCE: Greenfield Annual Reports

**TABLE 4:  
COMMUNITY FACILITIES & SERVICE  
EXPENDITURES 2000-2010**



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